(c) in view of the above, how Government propose to tackle this problem not only in U.P. but all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir. During the year 2005, Japanese Encephalitis (JE) outbreak has been reported in eastern part of Uttar Pradesh and till 17th November, 2005, 5842 cases and 1387 deaths have been reported. Children below 15 years were mostly affected.

(b) Killed mouse brain JE vaccine is being manufactured in limited quantities at the Central Research Institute, Kasauli and supplied directly to the States by using State funds. Three doses of the vaccine provide immunity lasting a few years and repeated booster doses are required every 3 years. Cost of mouse brain JE vaccine is Rs.50/- per dose (approximate).

(c) There is no specific treatment of JE and management of cases is carried out symptomatically. However, for prevention of the disease, various public health measures such as control of mosquitoes, protection from mosquito bites by using mosquito net, protective clothing and keeping the pig-the animal reservoir of JE away from human dwellings are advocated. Government of India is strengthening CRI, Kasauli to augment the capacity for manufacturing of JE vaccines. Besides, Govt. has also advised States to procure JE vaccine from outside the country which are approved by Drug Controller General of India (DCGI). For regular monitoring of the JE States have been advised to establish sentinel sites for carrying out disease and vector surveillance on regular basis.

Setting up of public health schools

1143. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal has been formulated to set up two major public health schools, on the lines of the IITs, and IIMs, to train healthcare professionals, policy-makers and administrators on the nuances of public health;

(b) if so, the details and its present status thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a special purpose vehicles has already been created and would involve Government and private fundings; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The Government has obtained in-principle approval of the Planning Commission for setting up of Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI). PHFI will establish two Indian Institute of Public Health (IIPH) to impart highest quality of public health education in the country. The total cost estimated for establishment of two IIPHs is Rs.200 crores. The proposal envisages contribution from Government of India of only one-third of the total cost, i.e. Rs.65 crores with the balance being met out of private/corporate funds. Out of the two IIPHs proposed, one would be in northern region around Delhi and the other in the Southern region of the country in Tamil Nadu. This initiative seeks to build the Human Resource capacity, which is considered essential to improve public health delivery on a large scale. The proposal is subject to further approvals of Government and participation of Private/Corporate sector.

Measures to enhance medical facilities in towns

1144. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether major hospitals and referral hospitals are located only in cities;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to set up large hospitals/referral hospitals in small towns so that the facilities of such hospitals are easily accessible to people living in hinterlands; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Health being the State subject under the Constitution of India, it is for the State Governments to set up hospitals/referral hospitals in smaller towns subject to their priorities and availability of their resources. However, the Central Government under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) envisages to set up Six AIIMS like institutions at Patna, Raipur, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Jodhpur and Rishikesh.

Water pollution and child mortality

1145. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has the highest mortality rate just